

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

an acquiring unit configured to acquire reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second terminal, the second terminal receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice, including authentication data;

a generation unit configured to generate the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

an authenticating unit to authenticate the second terminal by the use of authentication data ~~to authenticate the second terminal~~;

a providing unit configured to provide the chat space to the first terminal, and the chat space and first service to the second terminal designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the chat space and first service being provided to the second terminal upon authentication.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for distributing contents sent according to a reservation made in advance, to the second terminal in real time, and

the second service is a service for providing a chat space corresponding to the reservation for the second terminal.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for providing the second terminal with a chat space corresponding to a reservation made in advance for distributing contents in real time, and

the second service is a service for distributing the contents to the second terminal in real time.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second terminal, the second terminal receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a

second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including the authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to ~~authenticate the terminal~~;

providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the chat space and first service to the second terminal designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the chat space and first service being provided to the second terminal upon authentication.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A recording medium storing a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second terminal, the second terminal receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including the authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to ~~authenticate the terminal~~;

providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the chat space and first service to the second terminal designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the chat space and first service being provided to the second terminal upon authentication.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A computer readable carrier including computer program instructions to cause a computer to implement a method of managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second terminal, the second terminal receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including the authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to ~~authenticate the terminal~~;

providing the chat space to the first terminal, and the chat space and first service to the second terminal designated to be distributed by the first terminal, the chat space and first service being provided to the second terminal upon authentication.